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H. R. 1697

To establish a Rural Policing Institute within the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and provide for training programs for rural law enforcement agencies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, and Mr. JINDAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rural Law Enforce-
5 ment Training Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. RURAL POLICING INSTITUTE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Rural
8 Policing Institute, which shall be administered by the Di-

1 rector of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
2 of the Department of Homeland Security, through the
3 chief executive officer of the Office of State and Local
4 Training of such Center, to perform the following func-
5 tions, with respect to law enforcement agencies of units
6 of local government and tribal governments located in
7 rural areas:

8 (1) EVALUATION OF NEEDS OF RURAL LAW EN-
9 FORCEMENT AGENCIES.—To evaluate the needs of
10 such agencies.

11 (2) DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING PROGRAMS.—
12 To develop expert training programs designed to re-
13 spond to the needs of such agencies with respect
14 to—

15 (A) preparing for and responding to rural
16 homeland security threats and incidents;

17 (B) combating methamphetamine addiction
18 and distribution;

19 (C) combating domestic violence;

20 (D) responding to school shootings; and

21 (E) other topics identified in the evaluation
22 conducted under paragraph (1).

23 (3) PROVISION OF TRAINING PROGRAMS.—To
24 provide to such agencies the training programs de-
25 veloped under paragraph (2).

1 (4) OUTREACH EFFORTS.—To conduct outreach
2 efforts to ensure that such agencies are aware of the
3 training programs developed under paragraph (2) so
4 that such programs are made available to law en-
5 forcement officers of such agencies.

6 (b) NO DUPLICATION OR DISPLACEMENT OF CUR-
7 RENT PROGRAMS.—Any training program developed
8 under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and any training
9 provided by the Rural Policing Institute pursuant to such
10 subsection shall be developed or provided, respectively, in
11 a manner so as to not duplicate or displace any law en-
12 forcement program of the Federal Law Enforcement
13 Training Center in existence on the date of the enactment
14 of this section.

15 (c) PRIORITIZED LOCATIONS FOR RURAL LAW EN-
16 FORCEMENT TRAINING.—In designating sites for the pro-
17 vision of training under this section and for purposes of
18 ensuring cost-effectiveness, the Director of the Federal
19 Law Enforcement Training Center shall, to the maximum
20 extent possible and as appropriate, give priority to facili-
21 ties of the Department of Homeland Security in existence
22 as of the date of the enactment of this Act and to closed
23 military installations.

24 (d) RURAL DEFINED.—In this section, the term
25 “rural” means an area that is not located in a metropoli-

1 tan statistical area, as defined by the Office of Manage-
2 ment and Budget.

3 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
5 tion—

6 (1) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and

7 (2) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009
8 through 2013.

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